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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SOVIET VISIT TO U.S. UNDERGROUND MINING INSTALLATIONS

REF: A) STATE 286195, B) MOSCOW 18032

1. DURING DECEMBER 29 MEETING WITH COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, L.K. DAVYDOV OF MINISTRY OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY PROVIDED SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SOVIET INTERESTS IN PROPOSED VISIT TO U.S. UNDERGROUND MINING INSTALLATIONS. DAVYDOV EXPLAINED THAT EQUIPMENT WHICH SOVIETS WISH TO ACQUIRE IN THE UNITED STATES WILL BE FOR THE NORILSK UNDERGROUND COPPER/NICKEL MINE. MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WILL BE DRAWN LARGELY FROM STAFF OF NORILSK METALLURGICAL KOMBINAT, INCLUDING DEPUTY DIRECTOR (FOR MINING). WHILE SOVIETS ARE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MACHINERY CONSTRUCTION FIRMS LISTED IN MOSCOW 16714, THEY WOULD NOT REQUIRE VISITS TO PLANTS WHERE THIS EQUIPMENT IS PRODUCED. RATHER, THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SEEING EQUIPMENT IN USE IN MINES.

2. COMMERCIAL OFFICE SUGGESTS THAT IN DEVELOPING ITINERARY FOR SOVIET DELEGATION, USDOC/BEWT SEEK TO INCLUDE MINES AT WHICH CONDITIONS ARE ROUGHLY COMPARSBLE TO THOSE IN NORILSK, RECOGNIZING THAT IT WILL PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO LOCATE MINE IN CONTINENTAL U.S. AT WHICH CLIMATIC CONDITIONS WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF NORILSK REGION.

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3. COMMERCIAL OFFICE WILL PROVIDE NAMES OF DELEGATION MEMBERS AND PREFERRED DATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DAVYDOV INDICATED THAT MARCH OR APRIL 1976 WOULD BE PREFERRED TIME FRAME FROM SOVIET POINT OF VIEW, PARTICULARLY SINCE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES ARE TO BE MADE DURING 1976 FOR DELIVERY DURING 1977.

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